

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING NOVEMBER 30, 2004

The Hall County Board of Supervisors met November 30, 2004, by published call in the county board meeting room, 121 South Pine, Grand Island.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Jim Eriksen.

INVOCATION - Invocation was given by Jim Eriksen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Richard Hartman, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries, and Robert Rye. Also present was Hall County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz, Deputy County Attorney Michelle Oldham and a representative from the *Grand Island Independent*.

CONSENT AGENDA – Jeffries made a motion and Rye seconded to approve the following by consent agenda:

1. Accept and place on file the minutes of the November 16 meeting
2. 6 Authorize the Chair to sign the agreement with Maximus for audit services for the Hall County Jail
3. 15 Accept and place on file communications from Regional Planning as received
4. 24 Accept and place on file the Hall County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts
5. 25 Accept and place on file communications as received

Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Rye all voted yes and none voted no with Lancaster absent. Motion carried.

Supervisor Bud Jeffries requested that Jerry Janulewicz come forward and he presented him with a watch from the board members. He read the inscription on the watch and thanked Jerry for his service to Hall County.

COUNTY ATTORNEY – 2a DISCUSS & AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN AGREEMENT AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS FOR THE CLOSING OF A PORTION OF 80TH ROAD – County Attorney Jerry Janulewicz stated that the County Surveyor completed the study to close a portion of this road and submitted it to the County Board at the last meeting, The next step in the process is to approve the resolution setting the public hearing. The adjacent land owners will need to be notified and once the public hearing is held the board will have to offer the road to the townships. The township then will have 60 days to notify the board if they want to take control of the road. He has also drafted an agreement between Hall County and Heritage Disposal and a resolution addressing the temporary closing of the road. This agreement would allow a gate to be placed on the road and Heritage Disposal would have to place the proper signage warning that the road is closed. The language of the agreement was recommended by the liability insurance carrier. He stated that the board can approve the resolution and the agreement for the temporary closing prior to the public hearing.

Jeffries noted that the term of the agreement is for two years and questioned if the land were sold would this agreement be transferable. Jerry stated that this allows enough time to complete all of the process of closing the road. If the property is sold an assignment would be necessary the agreement is not transferable. Mr. Vess noted that there is a 15 day cancellation clause in the agreement.

Arnold made a motion and Rye seconded to authorize the chair to sign the agreement with Heritage Disposal. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Rye all voted yes and none voted no with Lancaster absent. Motion carried.

Arnold made a motion and Jeffries seconded to approve Resolution #04-0068 setting a public hearing on the matter of the proposed vacation of a segment of 80th road South of Old Potash Highway. The public hearing will be held December 28, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Rye all voted yes and none voted no with Lancaster absent. Motion carried.

Arnold made a motion and Rye seconded to approve Resolution #04-0069 to authorize the temporary closing of the county road and approve the temporary agreement and authorize the Vice Chair to sign. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Rye all voted yes and none voted no with Lancaster absent. Motion carried.

5a DISCUSS & AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ROADS FOR WOOD RIVER VIADUCT PROJECT – John Webster, Mayor of the City of Wood River was present and requested to address the board concerning this agreement. He stated that the City Council did not meet but this whole process was started 2 years ago. He requested that the County Board help with the proposed walking overpass asking that the State Department of Roads extend the walkway overpass over Highway 30.

Hartman stated that extending the overpass over highway is a safety issue, children having to cross Highway 30 is dangerous.

Arnold suggested having the board send a letter supporting the extension of the pedestrian crosswalk over Highway #30. The overpass will increase the pedestrian traffic.

Arnold made a motion and Humiston seconded to authorize the chair to sign the agreement and to sign a letter of support to the Nebraska Department of Roads to extend the pedestrian walkway over Highway #30.

Eriksen stated that he talked to Dan Hostler concerning this project and there will be one mile of road that the County will be responsible for. The City of Wood River makes the decision on the viaduct.

The vote on the motion to authorize the chair to sign the agreement and send a letter was taken. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries and Rye all voted yes and none voted no with Lancaster absent. Hartman abstained.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Louise Miller, 1104 West Charles Street was present and expressed concern about turning the Hall County Park over to the City of Grand Island. She questioned why the County would want to do this; the City has enough to take care of.

4 DISCUSS & TAKE ACTION ON APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE VISITOR PROMOTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE – The board received a letter from the Convention and Visitors Bureau requesting the appointments to the committee. The current members are Mike Swanson, Nancy Smith, Bruce Swihart, Gene McCloud, Ron Lukesh, Doug Stange and Edwin Baasch. They recommended reappointing Bruce Swihart, Gene McCloud and Ron Lukesh.

Arnold noted the applications that the CVB received and stated that the current members serve the board well.

Jeffries made a motion and Hartman seconded to appoint Bruce Swihart, Gene McCloud and Ron Lukesh to the Visitor Promotion Committee. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Rye all voted yes and none voted no with Lancaster absent. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Dan Wagoner Wood River, Nebraska was present and requested to speak to the board. He stated that he had contacted the Red Cross requesting to hold a blood drive at Hall County. He is requesting to use the County Board Room on January 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the drive and is asking for

the County Board's support. He would like to send out notices with the paychecks and try to get a tentative number of employees that would participate. The Board suggested that he included the City and Health and Human Services. He stated he would also contact the police department. Mr. Wagoner also offered his condolences on behalf of the union to Mrs. Lancaster on the death of her mother.

7 DISCUSS & AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN ADOPTION AGREEMENT FOR COUNTY HEALTH PLAN – This is a new plan document that incorporates all of the ERISA, COBRA changes and plan amendments into one document. It was reviewed by the County Attorney. Hartman made a motion and Arnold seconded to authorize the Vice Chair to sign the adoption agreement. Jeffries expressed concern on the slow turn around on claims when there is a coordination of benefits. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Rye all voted yes and none voted no with Lancaster absent. Motion carried.

16 COMMENCE AUDIT OF BI WEEKLY PAY CLAIMS AND ACTION ON CLAIM AUDIT Hartman made a motion and Arnold seconded to approve the biweekly pay claims and authorize the clerk to pay. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries and Rye all voted yes and none voted no with Lancaster absent. Motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER'S REPORTS – Vice Chairman Eriksen called for board members reports and no one had a report.

Eriksen stated that several board members attended the Court of Industrial Relations hearing in Lincoln this past week and now they are waiting for the Judges decision. He stated that the CWA Union has also filed a case. The same attorneys will represent the parties involved.

NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Vice Chairman Eriksen called for new or unfinished business and no one responded.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m. The next meeting will be December 14, at 9:00 a.m.

Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk